



CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE AGENCY, GUAM

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Director's Office

*Acting Director of Customs – Eric M. Palacios
Chief of Customs – Vincent S.N. Perez*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 17, 2018

Governor Calvo signs Bill 216-34 into Public Law 34-112



HAGĀTNA, GUAM – Governor Eddie B. Calvo signed Bill 216-34, introduced by Senator Tom Ada and passed unanimously by the 34th Guam Legislature, into Public Law 34-112.

Public Law 34-112 reserves four (4) acres of land adjacent to the Port for the construction of a Customs Inspection, Holding, and Secured Sterile Facility to be used by the Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA).

With over 90% of all commodities arriving into Guam and passing through the Port, it is crucial that Customs have an area to conduct inspections to identify, isolate, and mitigate threats at the border. Additionally, this facility will benefit our economy by facilitating commerce in terms of streamlining the customs clearance process for businesses and consignees alike.

“Designation of land for the facility is a critical first step toward re-establishing a facility in a secured area where CQA can conduct inspection of cargo containers arriving through the Port of

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Guam in Piti,” said Senator Ada. He continued, “although Bill 216-34 seeks to reserve up to four acres of public land for the Customs inspection facility, funding for construction will be the next hurdle to overcome.”

Before signing Bill 216-34 into law, Governor Calvo addressed Customs Officials to recognize their continued dedication and service. “The job you’re doing at our borders is fantastic. You are preventing illicit drugs and invasive species from coming into our island and harming our community and resources. I am glad to sign this bill.”

“We have three years to develop the property into a functioning facility and I intend to use my time here with the Agency toward that goal,” said CQA’s Acting Director Eric M. Palacios. He adds, “Today marks the beginning of the process to build a facility that the People of Guam deserve so that the women and men of the Customs and Quarantine Agency can better protect our community.”

Among those present at the signing were the Governor’s guests of honor, CQA’s Captain James W. Cruz and Mr. Franklin Santiago, both of whom will soon be retiring from the Agency and glad to have been a part of this significant event.

For more information, please contact our Public Information Officer Ms. Jessi Santos-Torres at (671) 475-6202 or email Jessi.Santos-Torres@cqa.guam.gov.

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

LEGISLATIVE SESSION VOTING RECORD

| Bill No. 216-34 (LS) | | Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall July 6, 2018 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| NAME | Aye | Nay | Not Voting/ Abstained | Out During Roll Call | Absent | Excused |
| Senator Thomas C. ADA | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator FRANK B. AGUON, JR. | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator William M. CASTRO | ✓ | | | | | |
| Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator James V. ESPALDON | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Fernando Barcinas ESTEVES | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Régine Biscoe LEE | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Tommy MORRISON | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Louise B. MUÑA | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Telen Cruz NELSON | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Joe S. SAN AGUSTIN | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Michael F.Q. SAN NICOLAS | ✓ | | | | | |
| Vice Speaker Therese M. TERLAJE | ✓ | | | | | |
| Senator Mary Camacho TORRES | ✓ | | | | | |

TOTAL: 15

Aye

Nay

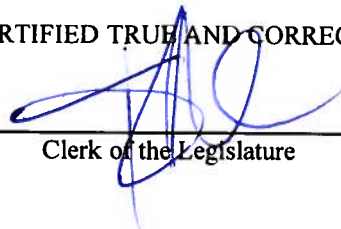
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



Clerk of the Legislature

I = Pass

I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan
BILL STATUS

| BILL NO. | SPONSOR | TITLE | DATE INTRODUCED | DATE REFERRED | CMTE REFERRED | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED | FISCAL NOTES | NOTES |
|-------------|---------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------|
| 216-34 (LS) | Thomas C. Ada | AN ACT TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF A FOUR (4) ACRE PORTION OF PARCEL 1-3 AS SHOWN ON MAP 055FY2014, MUNICIPALITY OF PITI TO THE GUAM CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY. | 12/2/17 2:28 p.m. | 12/11/17 | Committee on Environment, Land, Agriculture, and Procurement Reform | 12/15/17 1:00 p.m. | 6/6/18 3:05 p.m. | Fiscal Note Request 12/11/17 Fiscal Note 12/29/17 | |
| | SESSION DATE | TITLE | DATE PASSED | TRANSMITTED | DUE DATE | NOTES | | | |
| | 7/2/18 | AN ACT TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF A FOUR (4) ACRE PORTION OF PARCEL 1-3 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PITI, AS SHOWN ON MAP 055FY2014, TO THE GUAM CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY. | 7/6/18 | 7/6/2018 1:48 p.m. | 7/18/18 | | | | |



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Thirty-Fourth Guam Legislature

July 6, 2018

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam

Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 216-34 (LS), 224-34 (COR), and 273-34 (COR) which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on July 6, 2018.

Sincerely,

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (3)

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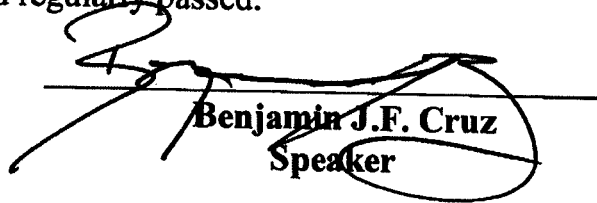


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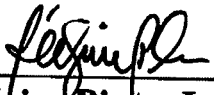
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN

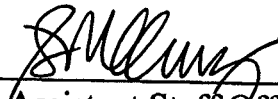
This is to certify that Bill No. 216-34 (LS), "AN ACT TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF A FOUR (4)-ACRE PORTION OF PARCEL 1-3 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PITI, AS SHOWN ON MAP 055FY2014, TO THE GUAM CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY," was on the 6th day of July 2018, duly and regularly passed.


Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker

Attested:


Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 6th day of JULY 2018,
at 1:48 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'låhi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 216-34 (LS)

Introduced by:

Thomas C. Ada
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William M. Castro
B. J.F. Cruz
James V. Espaldon
Fernando Barcinas Esteves
Régine Biscoe Lee
Tommy Morrison
Louise B. Muña
Telen Cruz Nelson
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Joe S. San Agustin
Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Therese M. Terlaje
Mary Camacho Torres

**AN ACT TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE
JURISDICTION OF A FOUR (4)-ACRE PORTION OF
PARCEL 1-3 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *PITI*, AS
SHOWN ON MAP 055FY2014, TO THE GUAM CUSTOMS
AND QUARANTINE AGENCY.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that an estimated ninety percent (90%) of commodities imported to Guam transship
through the Port Authority of Guam ("PAG").

I Liheslatura further finds that Guam is being significantly plagued by
invasive species, which have had a negative impact on the island's fauna and flora,

1 ecological system, and economy. Guam's ecosystem is particularly vulnerable to the
2 destructive power of invasive pests. The unimpeded spread of invasive species is
3 one of the greatest threats to Guam's economy, natural environment, and the health
4 and lifestyle of its people. Invasive pests can cause millions of dollars in crop losses,
5 the extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests and habitats, and
6 the spread of diseases. Invasive species are ultimately organisms that cause
7 decreases in ecosystem function. Invasive species also rarely arrive by themselves,
8 and common introductions involve human intervention.

9 *I Liheslatura* finds that the primary entry points of the invasive species that
10 enter Guam arrive via Guam's ports of entry, most especially the Jose D. Leon
11 Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam.

12 *I Liheslatura* finds that prevention is the most cost-effective strategy for
13 combating invasive species. In 2010, the Guam Department of Agriculture's
14 Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources reported at least seventy-three (73) non-
15 native organisms found at the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port alone, which
16 strongly indicates pathways via boat traffic.

17 *I Liheslatura* finds that in the past, Warehouse No. 2 at PAG was the
18 designated sterile area at which freight held by the Guam Customs and Quarantine
19 Agency ("GCQA") was placed, inspected, and cleared by GCQA. Warehouse No. 2
20 has since been demolished, and there has been no suitable replacement area that has
21 been mutually agreed upon between PAG and GCQA that is centralized and has
22 proper security and sterility for conducting efficient inspections and follow-up
23 enforcement action.

24 **Section 2. Grant of Administrative Jurisdiction of a Four (4)-Acre**
25 **Portion of Parcel 1-3 in the Municipality of Piti, as shown on Map 055FY2014,**
26 **to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency.**

1 (a) Administrative jurisdiction of a four (4)-acre portion of Parcel 1-
2 3 in the municipality of *Piti*, as shown on Map 055FY2014, is hereby granted
3 to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (“GCQA”) for the purpose of
4 developing and constructing a Customs Satellite Inspection, Holding, and
5 Secured Sterile Facility Area for use by GCQA, the Port Authority of Guam
6 (“PAG”), and the people of Guam.

7 (b) If the property is not developed into a functioning Customs
8 Satellite Inspection, Holding, and Secured Sterile Facility Area within three
9 (3) years, administrative jurisdiction of GCQA *shall* expire and the property
10 *shall* revert to the general jurisdiction of the government of Guam.

11 (c) A survey map designating the four (4)-acre portion of Parcel 1-3
12 *shall* be prepared, recorded, and provided by the Department of Land
13 Management to GCQA and PAG. The location of the four (4)-acre portion of
14 Parcel 1-3 *shall* be at the discretion of GCQA.

15 **Section 3. Exemption from Appraisals.** 2 GCA § 2107(b), relative to land
16 appraisals, *shall not* apply to this Act.

17 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
18 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, that invalidity
19 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
20 without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
21 Act are severable.